

In the Claims

Please substitute the following claims 20, 21, 31 and 32 for claims 20, 21, 31 and 32 now pending in the above-identified application.

Please cancel claim 30 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a rapidly disintegrable solid preparation comprising

~~combining a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups,~~
~~with lansoprazole and a sugar in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight to obtain a solid preparation;~~
producing fine granules containing lansoprazole, said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core,
blending said fine granules with a sugar and a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups, said sugar is an amount of 5 to 97 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the rest of the preparation other than the fine granules and molding to obtain a solid preparation,
wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for improving fast disintegrability of a solid preparation of lansoprazole comprising
adding low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5% to less than 7% by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups ~~to~~ and sugar in combination with fine granules containing lansoprazole to obtain an improved solid preparation;

~~adding wherein said~~ sugar is added in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by ~~weight; weight~~
per 100 parts by weight of the rest of the preparation other than said fine
granules, and

wherein said improved solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50
seconds.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said solid preparation is
buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 40 seconds.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said solid preparation is buccally
dissolved in from about 5 to about 35 seconds.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said sugar is a sugar alcohol.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said sugar is mannitol or
erythritol.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said solid preparation is
buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 40 seconds.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said solid preparation is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 35 seconds.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The tablet of claim ~~30~~ 32 wherein said fine granules are enteric-coated fine granules.

32. (Currently Amended) An orally disintegrable tablet comprising:

fine granules containing lansoprazole,

said granules having a core and at least one layer coating said core;

a sugar wherein said sugar is in an amount of 5 to 97 parts by ~~weight~~; weight of the

rest of the tablet other than said fine granules; and

a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose having 5 to 7 % by weight of hydroxypropoxyl groups;

wherein said low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose is separate from said

fine granules in said tablet;

wherein said tablet is improved in chalky taste and has no roughness

and wherein said tablet is buccally dissolved in from about 5 to about 50 seconds.